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AGS:SHUM, UNHRC

SUBJECT:MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: US ASSESSMENT OF THE 34TH
SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)

BRUSSELS ALSO USEEC; GENEVA ALSO USMTN; PARIS ALSO USOECD;
VIENNA ALSO USIAEA

REF: A) GENEVA 3851 (NOTAL), B) STATE 16347

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS SEPARATELY REPEATING GENEVA 3851,
THE US DELEGATION'S ASSESSMENT OF THE JUST-CONCLUDED
34TH SESSION OF THE HRC. IF APPROPRIATE, ACTION
ADDRESSEES SHOULD FIND AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE
THE SUBJECT OF THE HRC SESSION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT
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FROM GENEVA, MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS TOGETHER WITH
A BROAD DISCUSSION OF THE DELEGATION REPORT. IT IS NOT
NECESSARY TO DISCUSS EVERY ISSUE IN DETAIL. COPIES OF
THE DELEGATION REPORT, WHICH IS INTENDED FOR INTERNAL
USE, SHOULD NOT BE SHOWN TO OR LEFT WITH HOST GOVERN-
MENTS. OUR PURPOSE IN MAKING THIS APPROACH IS TO
SUSTAIN THE INTEREST OF HOST GOVERNMENTS IN UN
HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS IN THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD
AND TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR FURTHER US DEMARCHES
ON SPECIFIC ISSUES AT APPROPRIATE MOMENTS IN THE
FUTURE. ACTION POSTS SHOULD REPORT HOST GOVERNMENT
REACTIONS.

2. POINTS TO BE MADE:

A. THE JUST-CONCLUDED HRC SESSION DEMONSTRATED AN
INCREASING AWARENESS IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE
UN'S POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.

B. DESPITE CONTINUING DIFFERENCES, IT ALSO DEMON-
STRATED THE BEGINNINGS OF A CONSENSUS AMONG COUNTRIES
WITH DISPARATE SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND TRADITIONS ON THE

NEED TO STRENGTHEN UN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY AND TO ENSURE THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OF GENERALLY-RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS.

C. THE US IS GRATIFIED BY THE PROGRESS RECENTLY RECORDED BY THE UN IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD, NOT ONLY IN THE HRC BUT ALSO IN THE 1977 (32ND) GENERAL ASSEMBLY (REFTEL B), AND WISHES TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN UN HUMAN RIGHTS PROCEDURES AND CAPABILITIES FURTHER.

D. WE ARE INTERESTED BY THE US DELEGATION'S REPORT THAT THERE WERE "INDICATIONS OF A CONTINUING NEW NON-ALIGNED THRUST ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES" DURING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SESSION. (FYI. THE QUOTATION CONTINUES, "THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH AND CONTRIBUTIVE TO OUR POLICIES." END FYI.) WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HOST GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON THE ROLE OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AT THE SESSION, AND WHETHER IN FUTURE WE CAN EXPECT A POSITIVE AND CONCERTED NON-ALIGNED INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UN SYSTEM.

E. FOR ABIDJAN, MASERU, KIGALI, DAKAR AND LAGOS: THE US HAS TAKEN SPECIAL NOTE OF HOST GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO PUSH THROUGH "1503" PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO UGANDA AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA. WE APPRECIATE THAT IT WAS NOT POLITICALLY EASY TO SINGLE OUT FELLOW AFRICAN STATES IN THIS WAY. THE ACTION MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFECTIVENESS AND CREDIBILITY OF THE UN'S HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY. WE ALSO NOTED THE ACTIVE AND GENERALLY MODERATE ROLE PLAYED BY AFRICAN DELEGATIONS ON A VARIETY OF OTHER ISSUES. DESPITE DIFFERENCES ON SOME ISSUES, WE HOPE THIS CAN LEAD TO EXPANDED COOPERATION WITH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS IN THE UN SYSTEM. (ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER "1503" ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND THE SPECIFIC COUNTRIES INVOLVED SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED PUBLICLY.)

F. FOR NEW DELHI, LAGOS, AMMAN: WE APPLAUD IMPORTANT HOST GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AT THE SESSION (INDIA INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING THE CREATION OF NATIONAL HR COMMISSIONS; NIGERIA, A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF REGIONAL HR COMMISSIONS WHERE NONE PRESENTLY EXIST, E.G., AFRICA; JORDAN, A DRAFT (NOT FORMALLY INTRODUCED) CALLING FOR TWO HRC SESSIONS ANNUALLY INSTEAD OF ONE. US HOPES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP.

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